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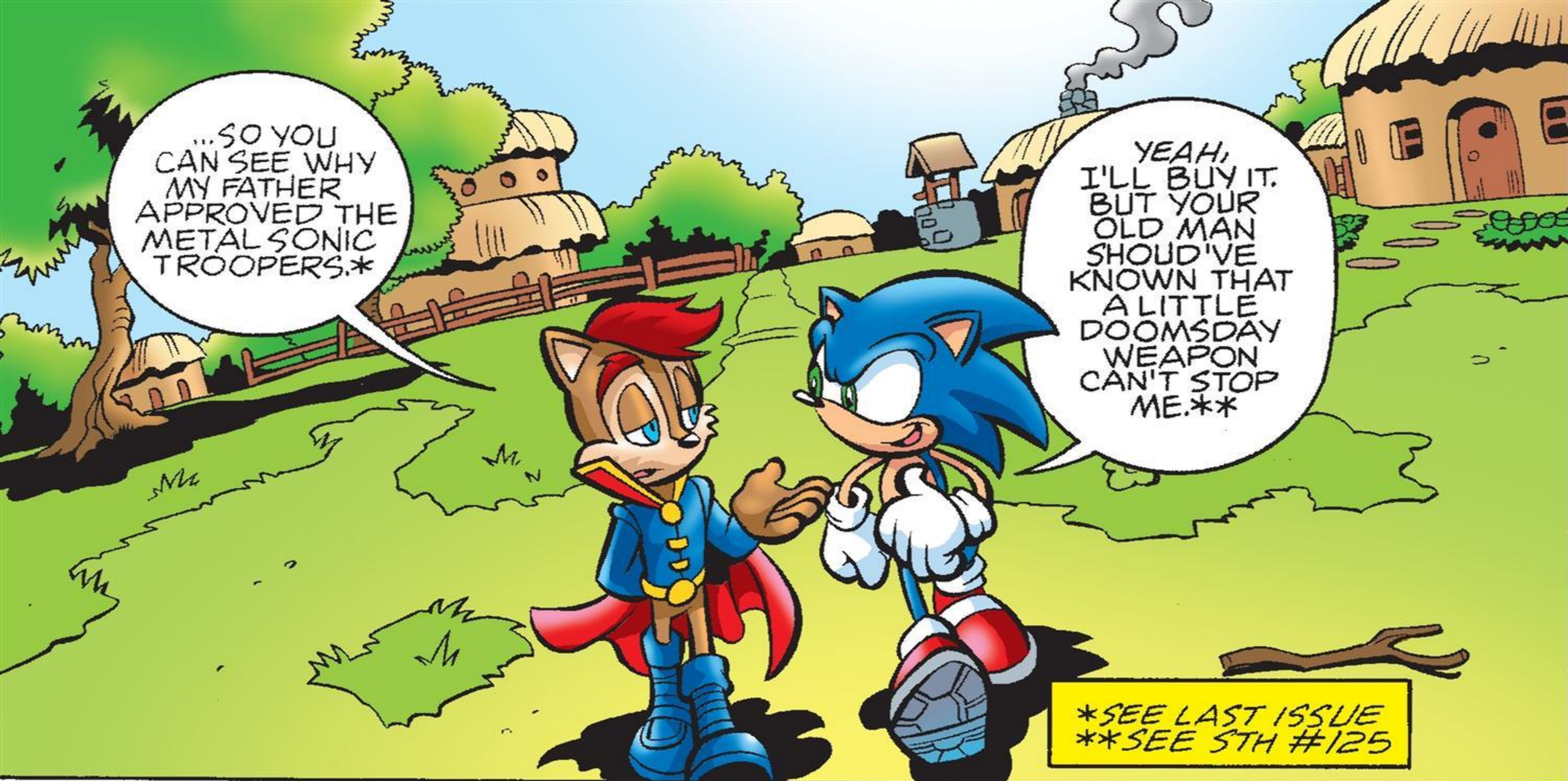
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THE HEDGEHOG



OUT OF
THE BLUE



BIRTHDAY BASH!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HANDSOME!

YOU GUYS FIXED UP THE OLD BASE!*

*REMEMBER? WAY BACK IN STH # 1!

A PLACE FOR THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO PLAN, A NEW FOCAL POINT FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK THAT IS AWAY FROM OUR FAMILIES...

...AND A STEP BACK TO SIMPLER TIMES. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONIC.

THANKS, SAL.

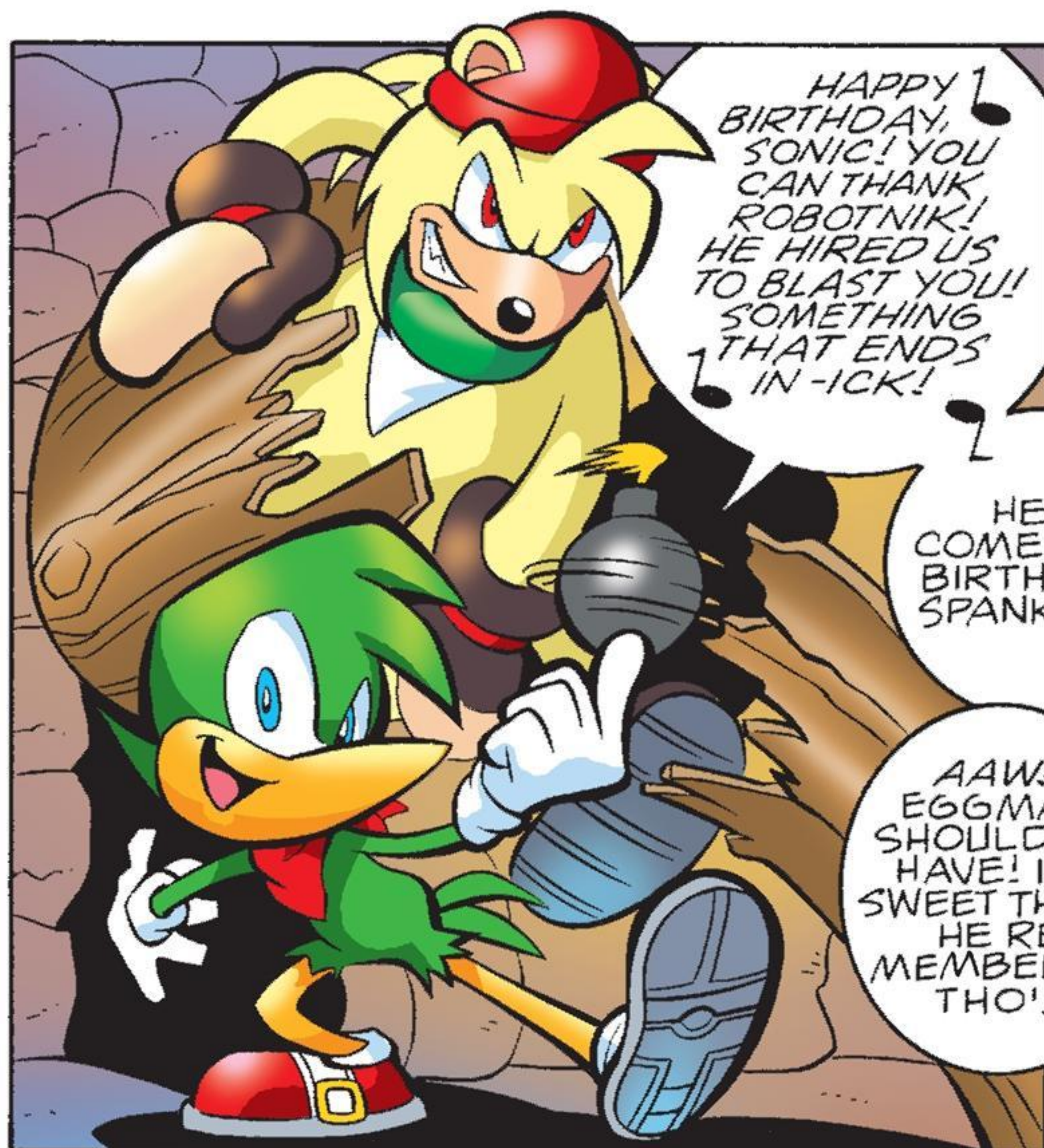
SO, BLUE... HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW?

WELL, IF WE TAKE HIS TRIP INTO SPACE INTO ACCOUNT... **

LET'S CALL ME A TEEN FROM NOW TIL FOREVER.

**SEE STH#126

KA-BOOM



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONIC! YOU CAN THANK ROBOTNIK! HE HIRED US TO BLAST YOU! SOMETHING THAT ENDS IN -ICK!

HERE COME YOUR BIRTHDAY SPANKINGS!

AAW! EGGMAN SHOULDN'T HAVE! IT'S SWEET THAT HE REMEMBERED, THO'!



WITH NACK IN JAIL*, I GUESS HE HAD TO SHOP FOR NEW THUGS. YOU LOOK LIKE QUITE THE FIGHTER!

AND ONE FOR YOU!
AND ONE FOR YOU!
AND ONE FOR YOU!

BAM!

*SEE 5TH #154.



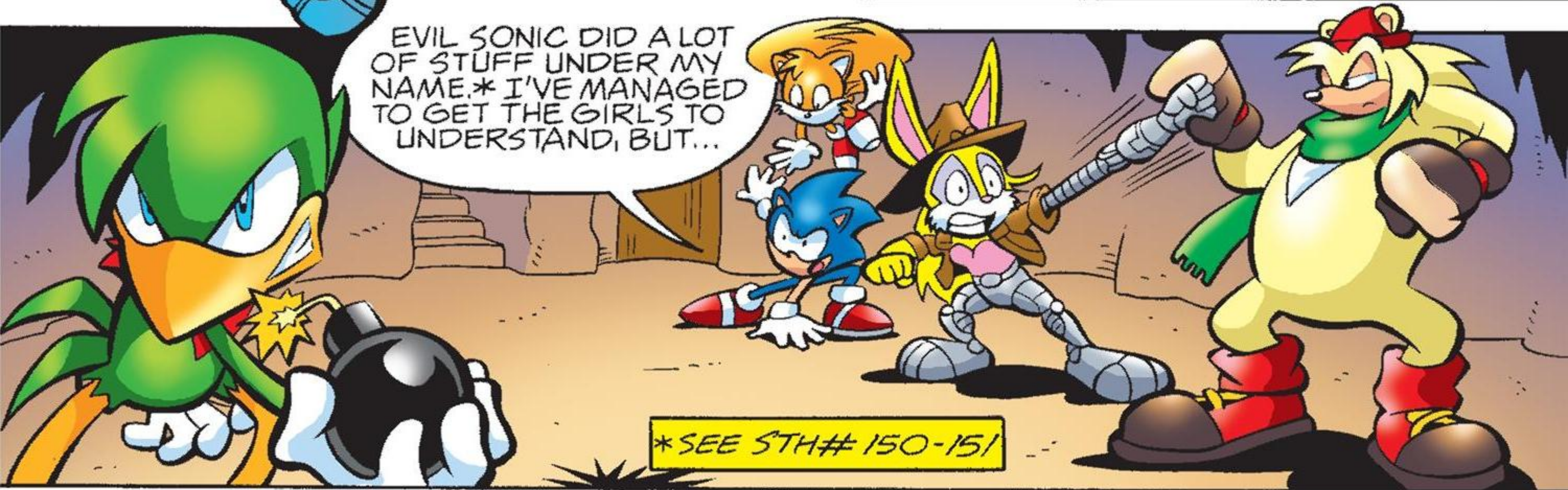
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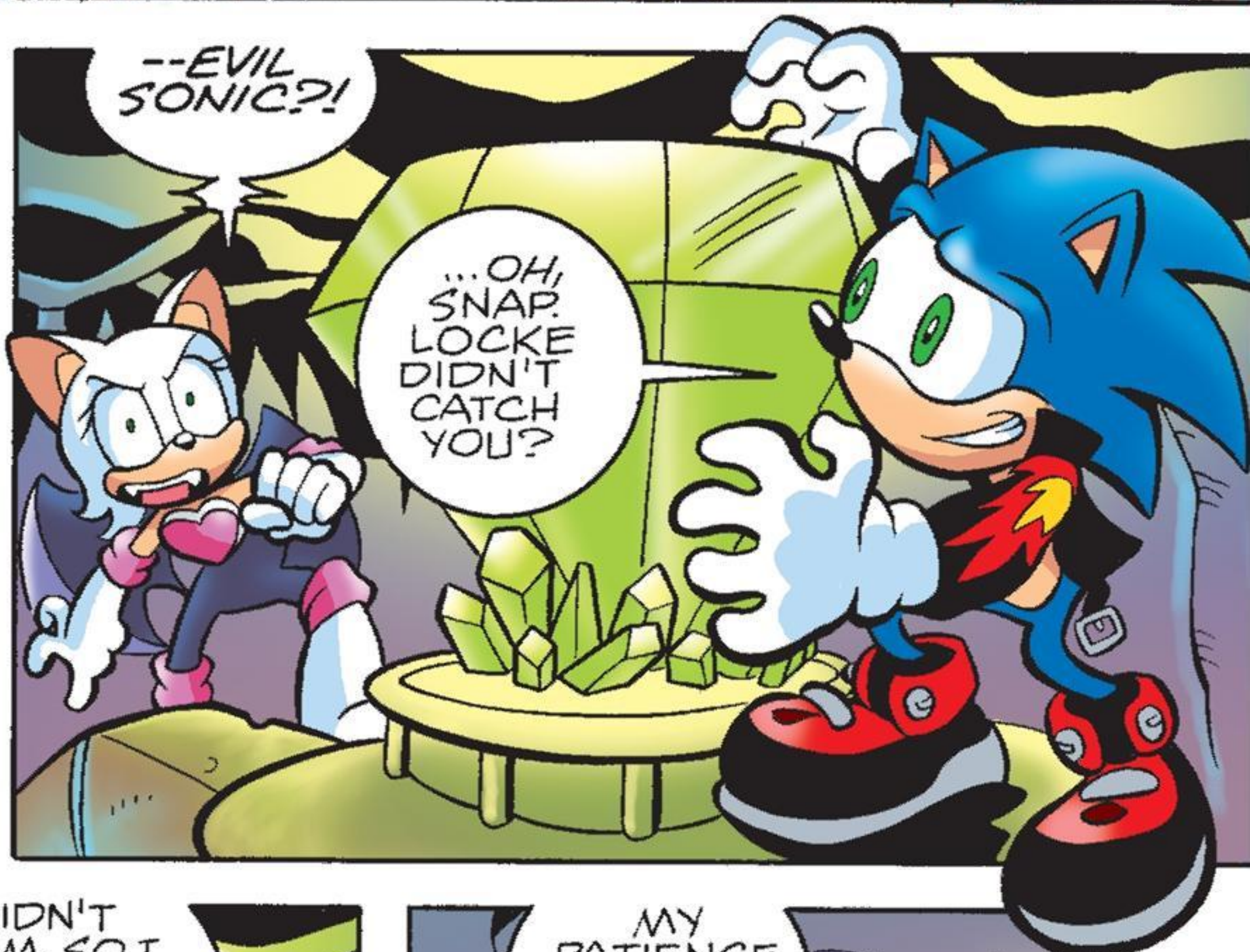
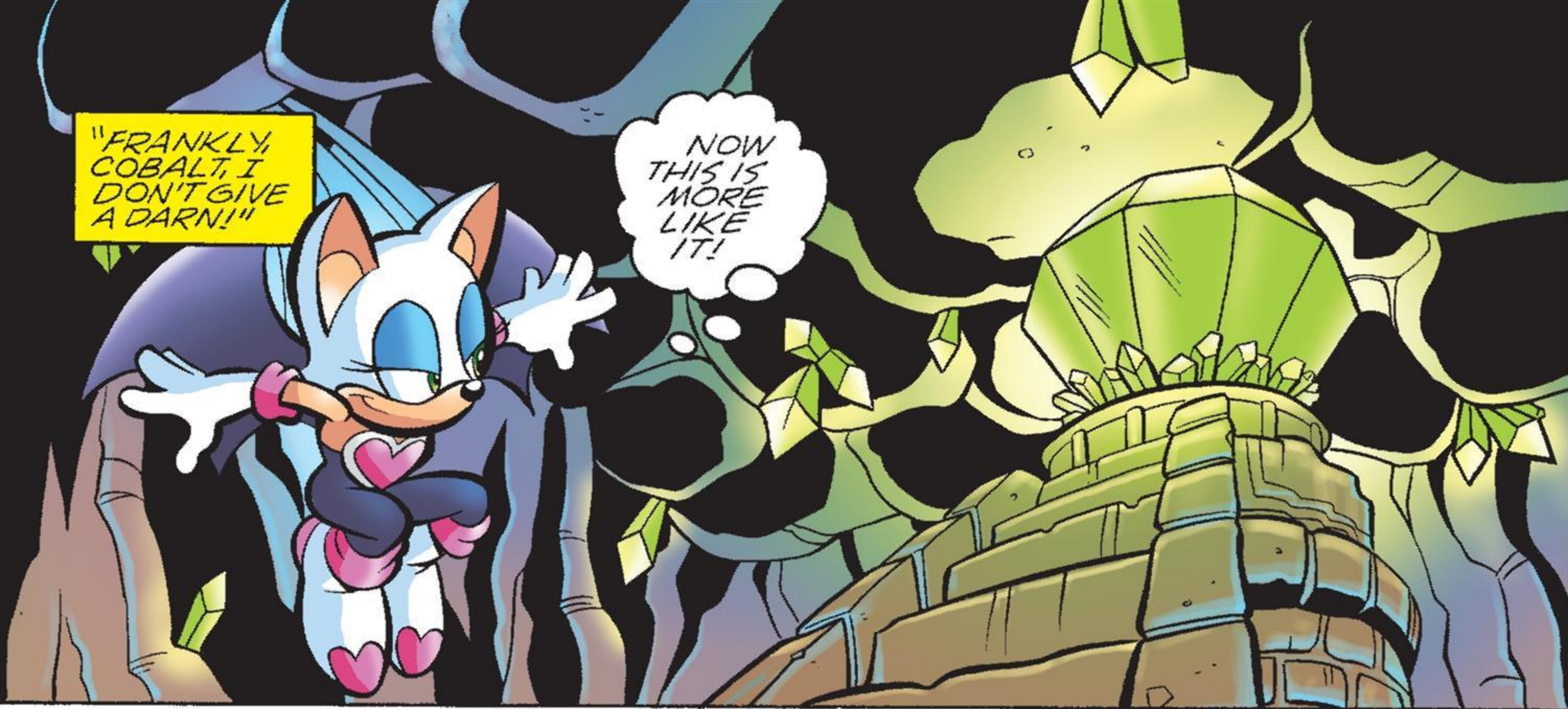
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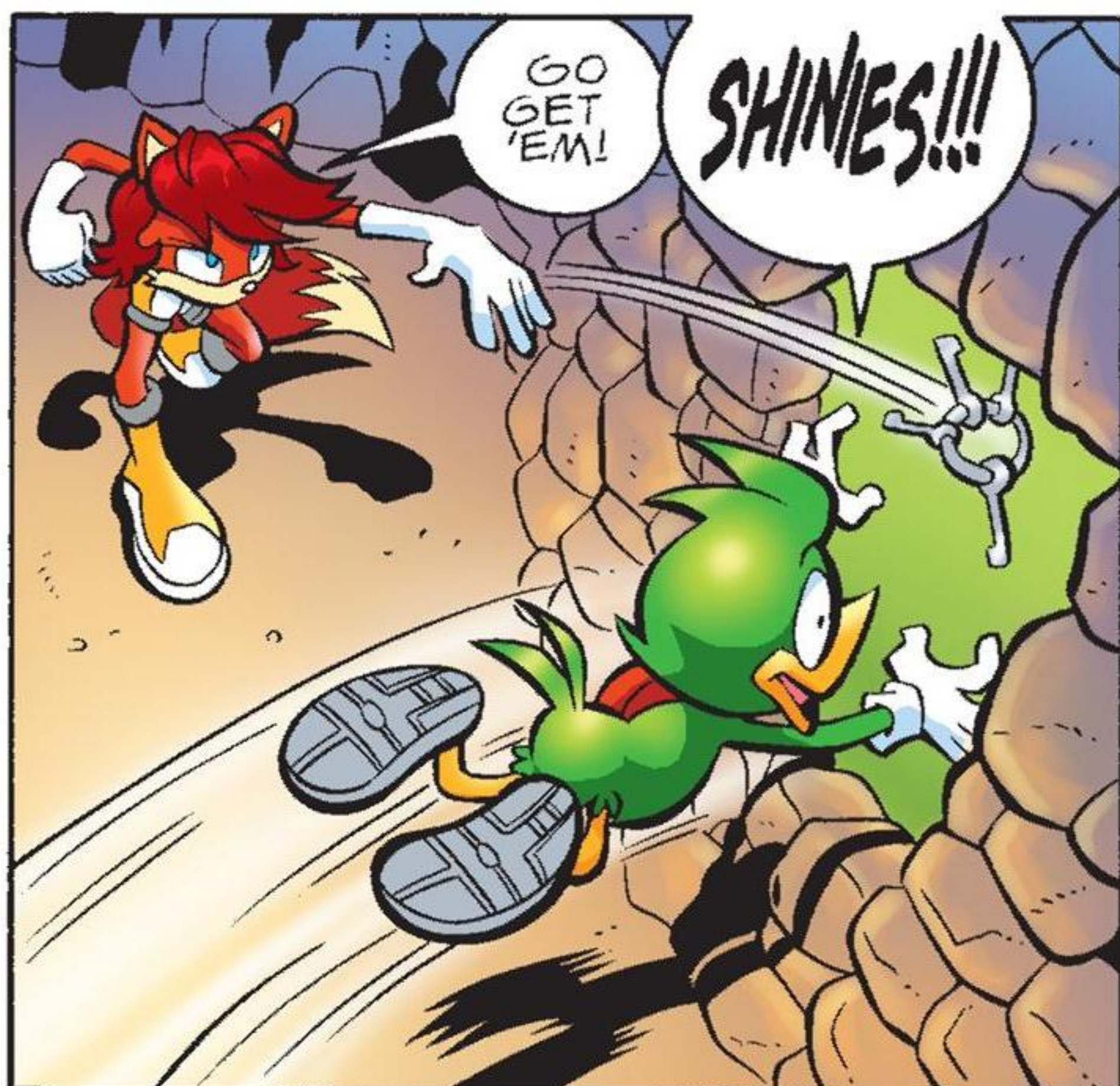


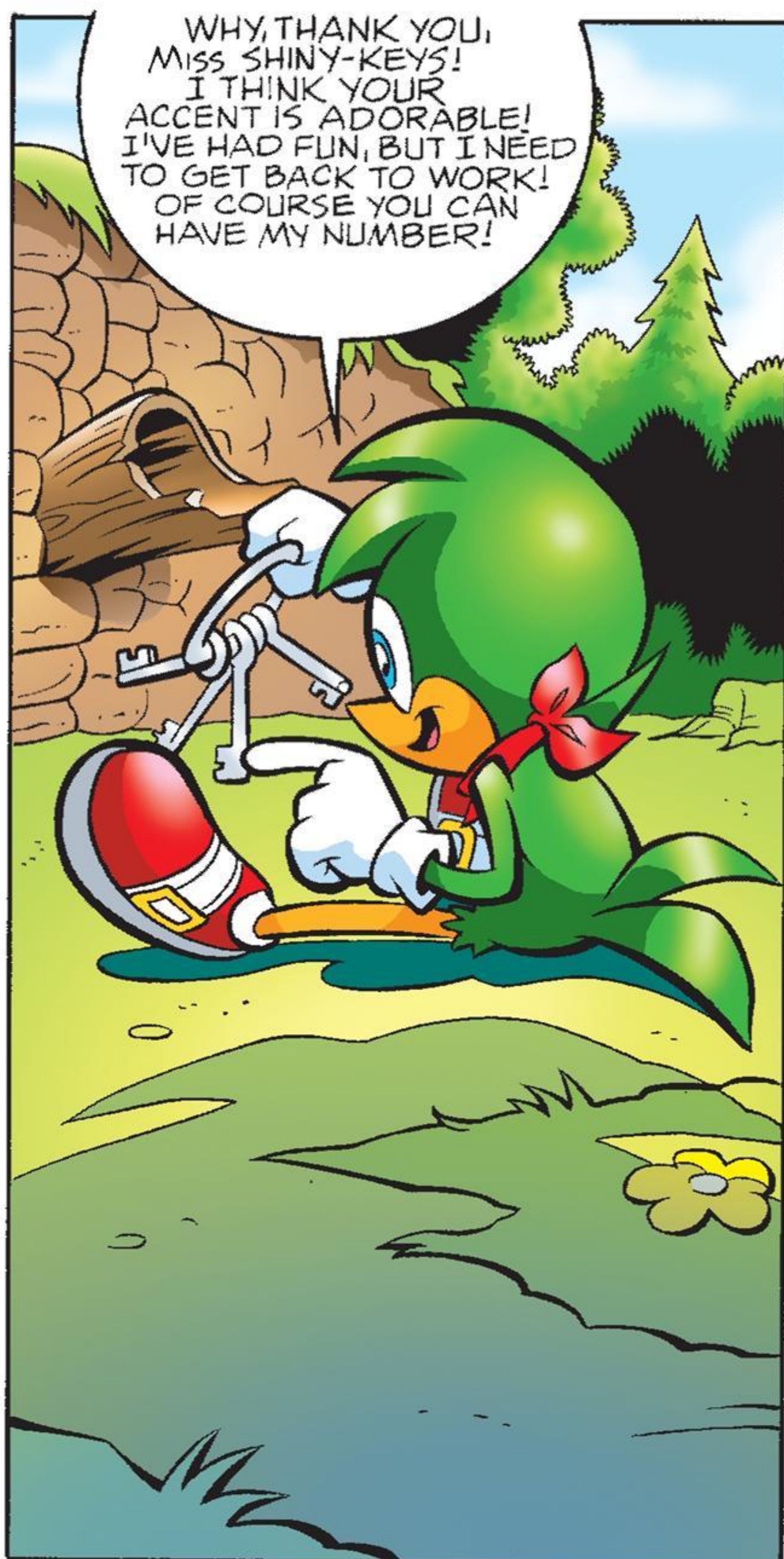
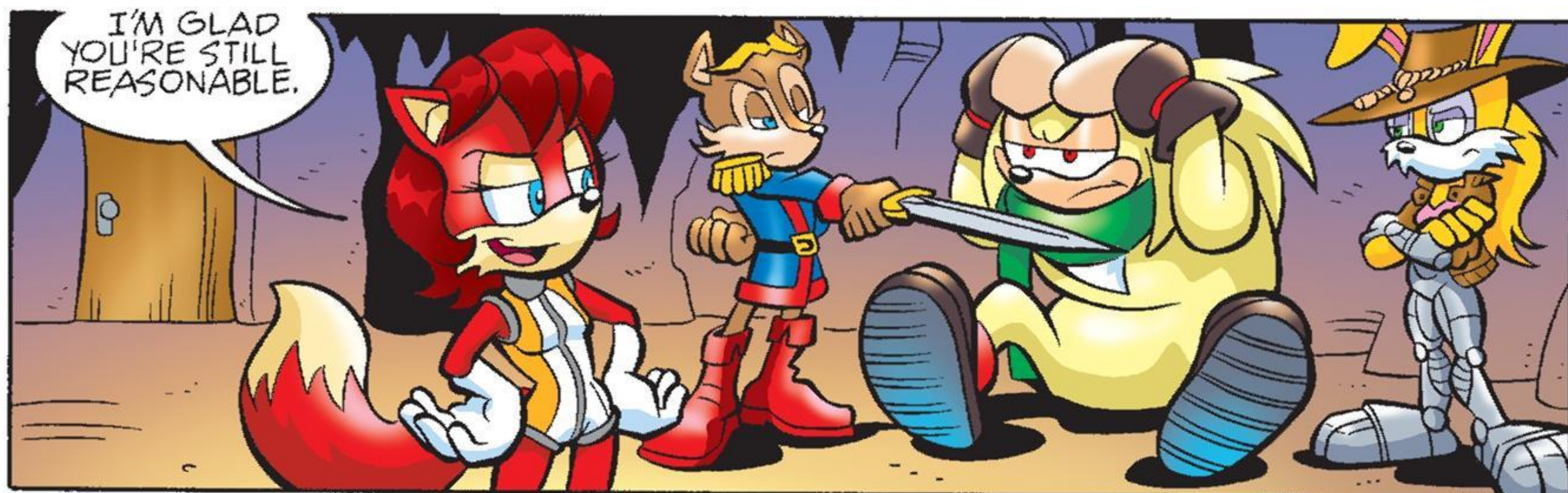
DON'T TRASH THE GREAT OAK SL--

OOOF!





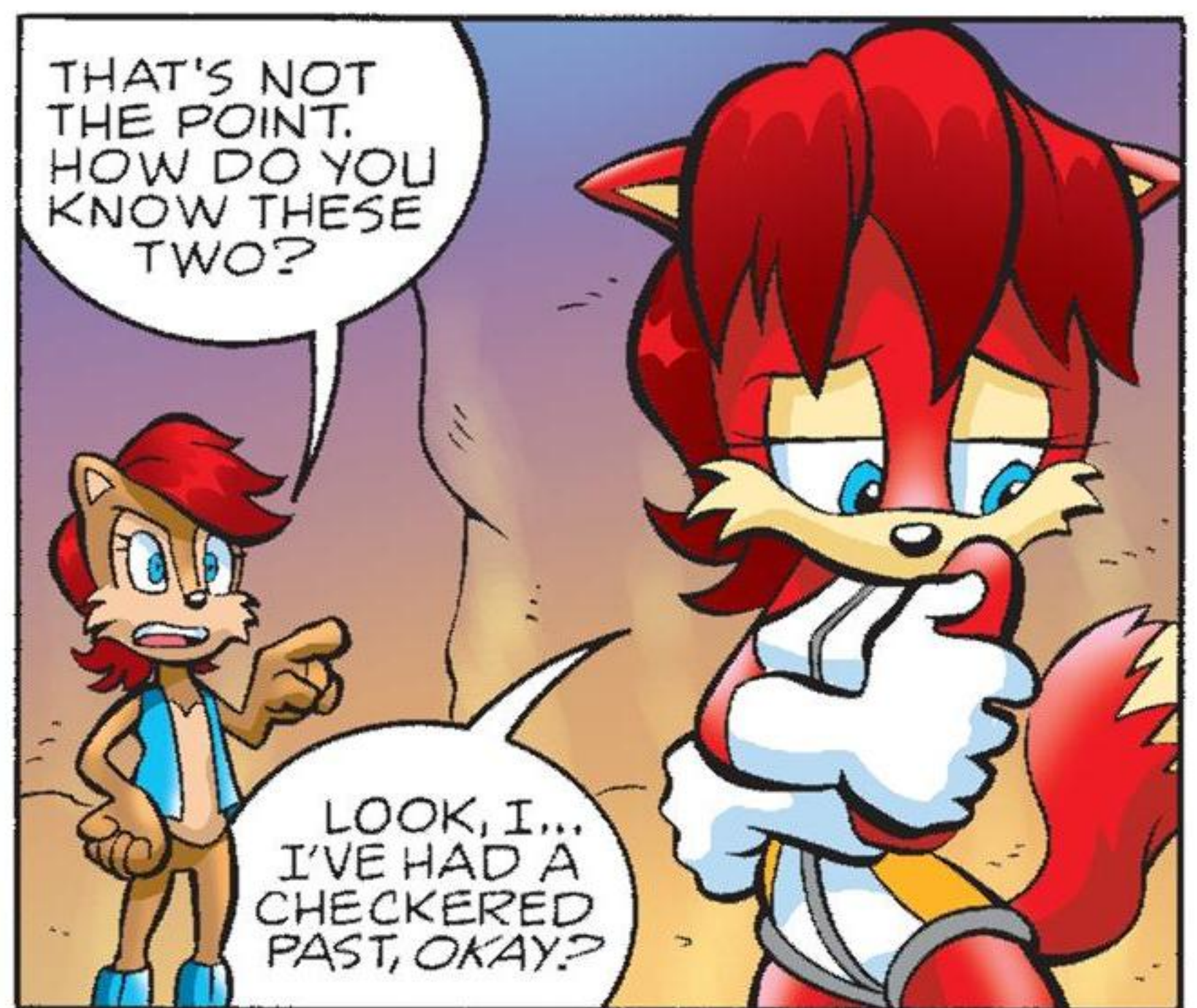






YOU HAVE
A LOT OF
EXPLAINING
TO DO,
FIONA!

SORRY
FOR
HELPING
OUT. GO,
TEAM.



THAT'S NOT
THE POINT.
HOW DO YOU
KNOW THESE
TWO?

LOOK, I...
I'VE HAD A
CHECKERED
PAST, OKAY?



I HAVEN'T ALWAYS
BEEN A FREEDOM
FIGHTER.

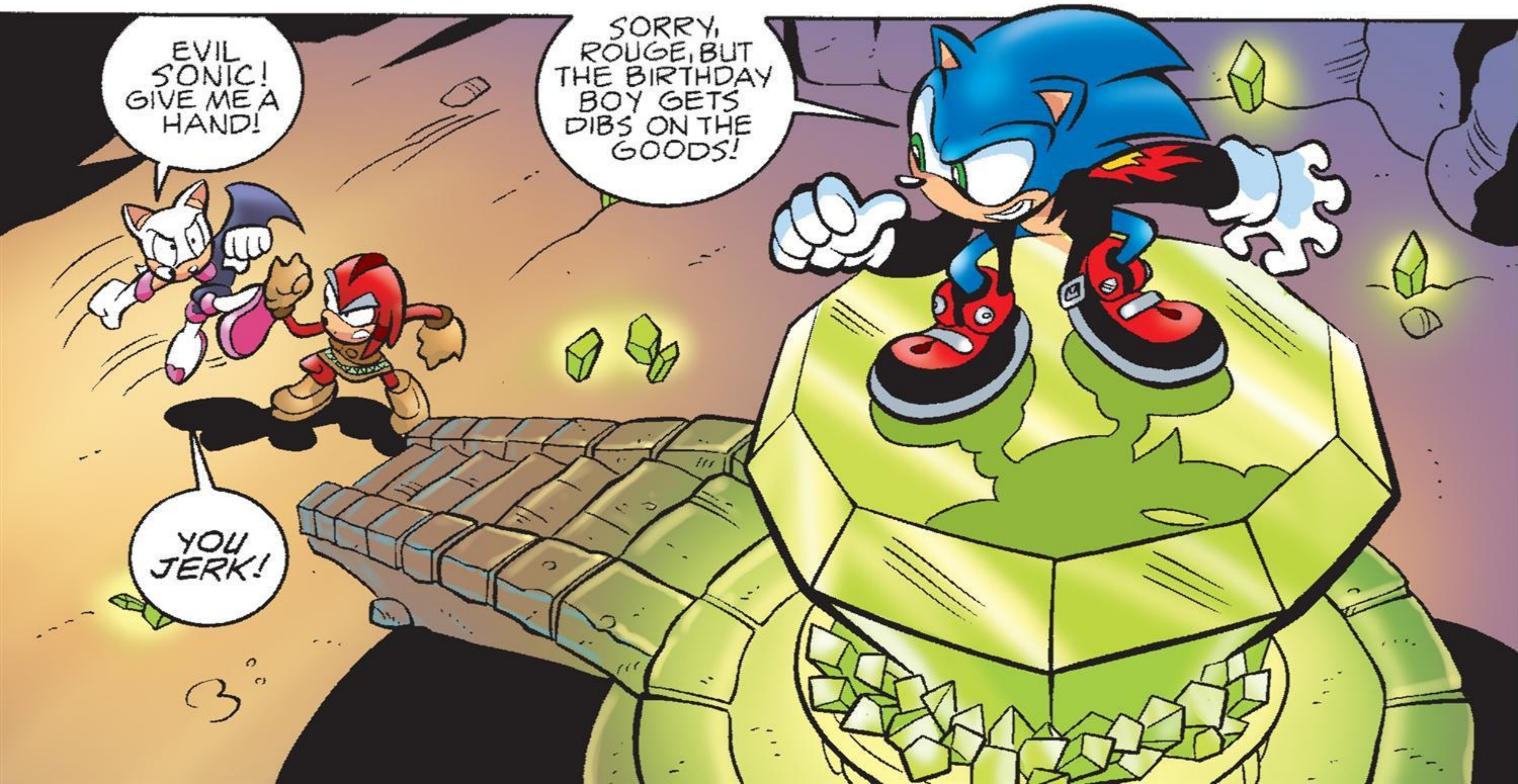
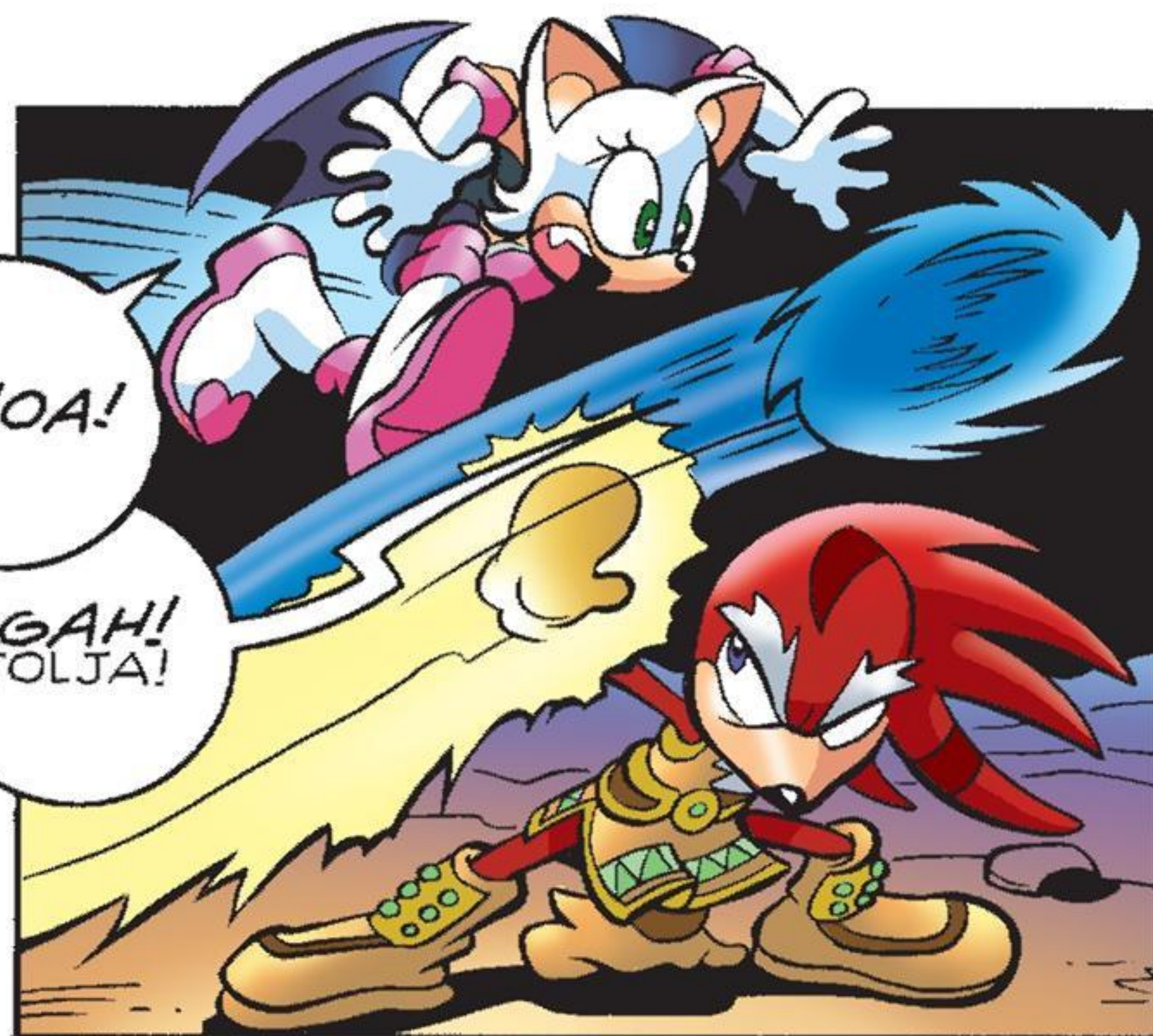
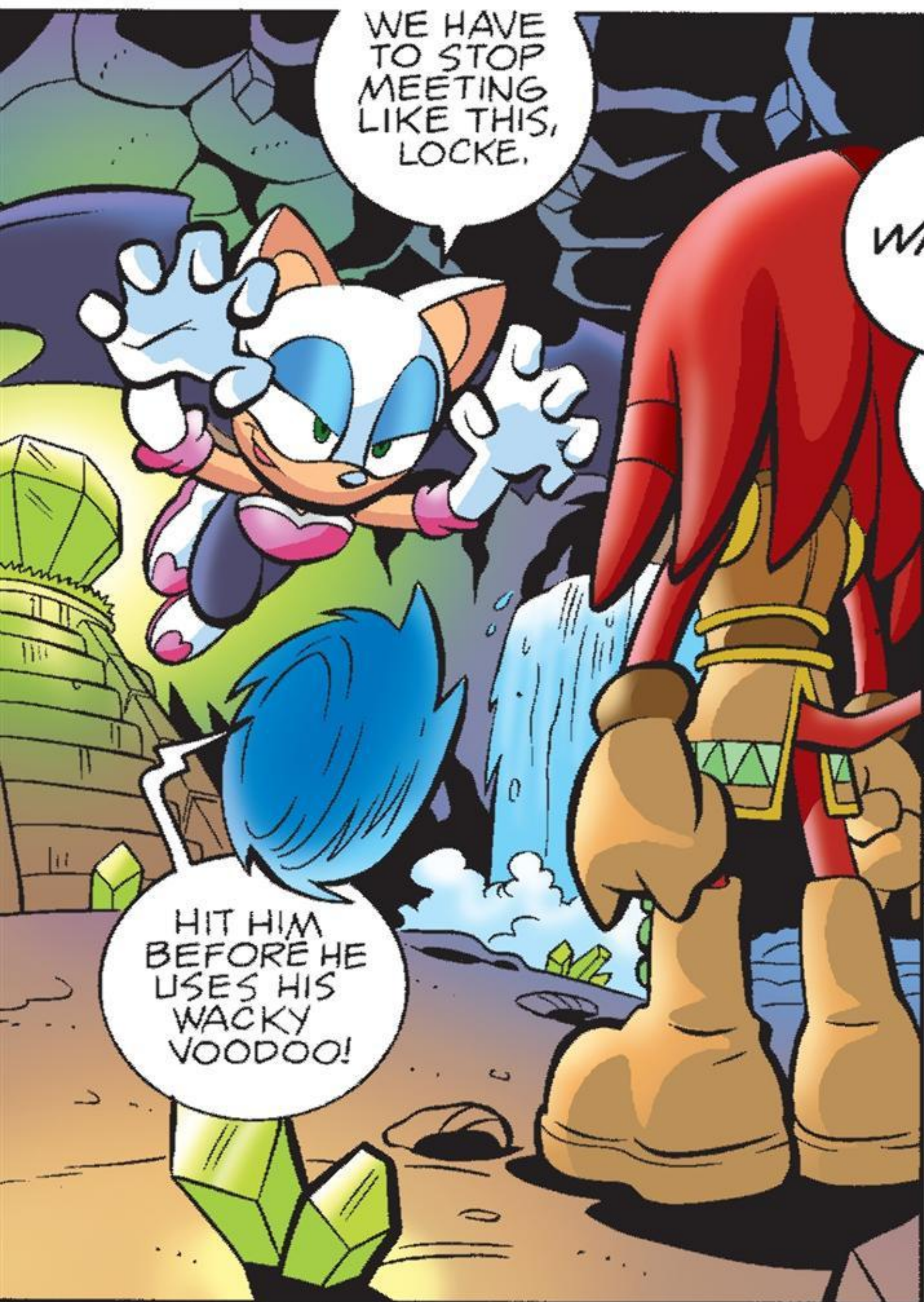
BUT YOU'RE A
WELCOME PART
OF THE TEAM,
FI. SHOULDN'T
WE GO
LOOKING
FOR BEAN?



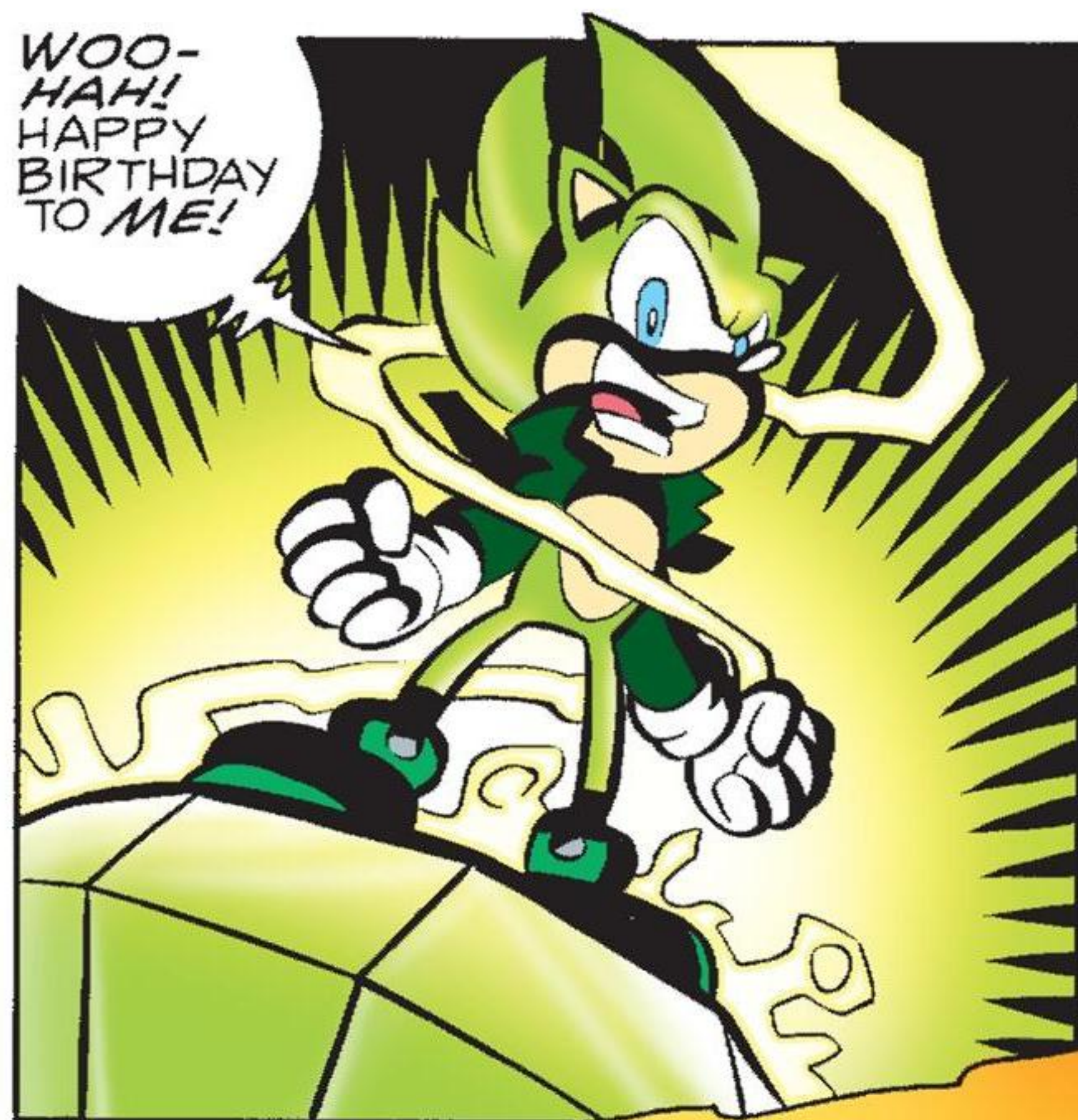
NO
NEED.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY, BLUE
HEDGEHOG.
I CLEANED
YOUR YARD
FOR YOU.



WOO-
HAH!
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO ME!



LOOKS LIKE YOUR
PRIORITIES JUST
SHIFTED.
SERVES YOU
RIGHT, TRAITOR.

NO!!!



GET OFF
OF THE
MASTER
EMERALD!



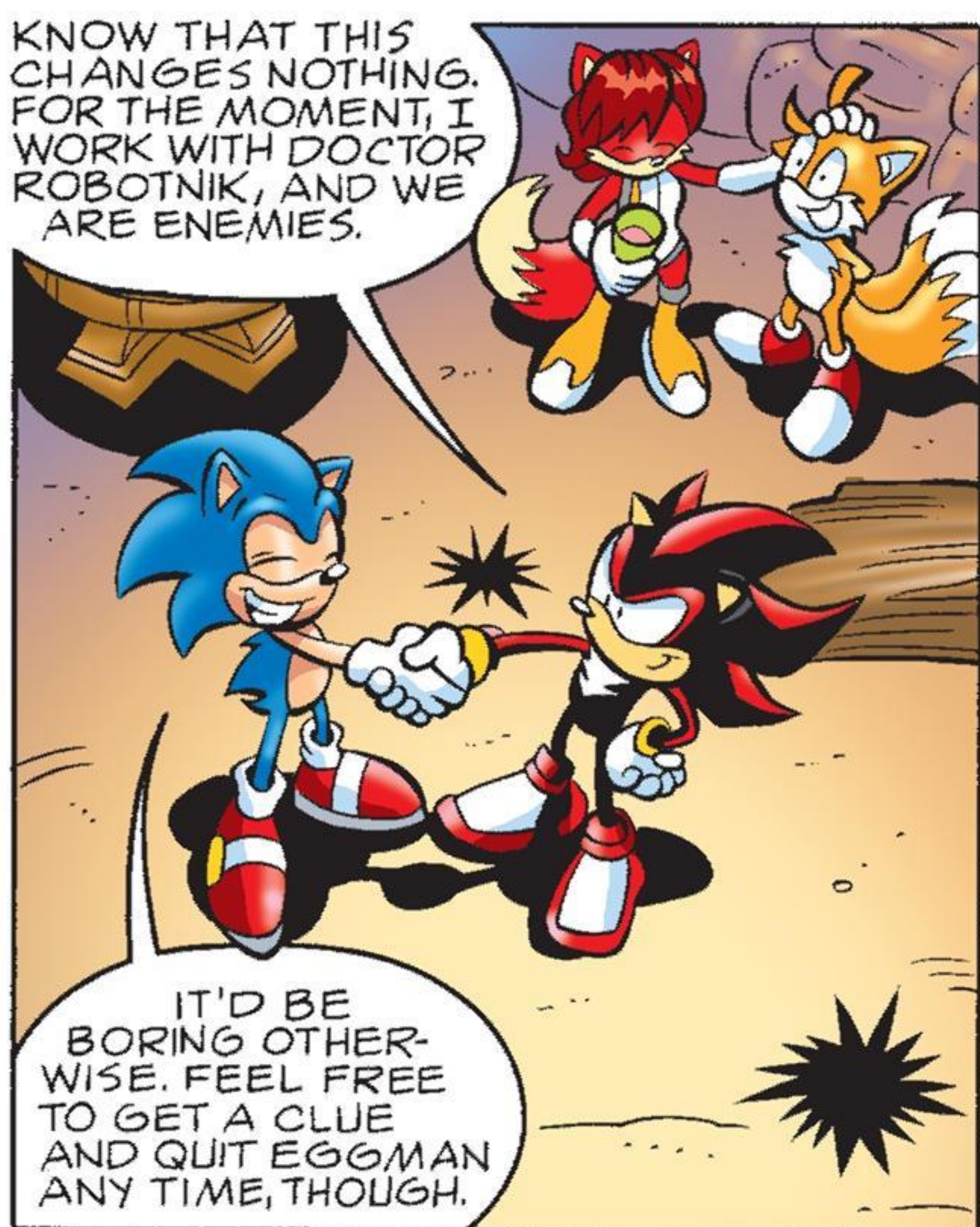
YOU
BOTH HAD
YOUR
CHANCE.

YOU
LIKE TO
PLAY IT
ROUGH,
HUH?
LET'S
GO!



THE
BIRTHDAY
BOY GETS
FIRST DIBS,
ROUGE.





...AND SO,
YEAH, WE
GOT BEAT.
JUST
THOUGHT
I'D LET YOU
KNOW.

NEVER TRUST A MOBIAN
TO DO A ROBOT'S JOB.
YOU'RE FIRED, I'M SEND-
ING ONE OF MY OWN TO
FINISH THE JOB!

BEAN? GO
SIT WITH
BARK.

AWW...

WHAT
ARE YOU
SENDING NOW,
EGGMAN? YOUR
NEWEST TOYS
BROKE
EASILY.

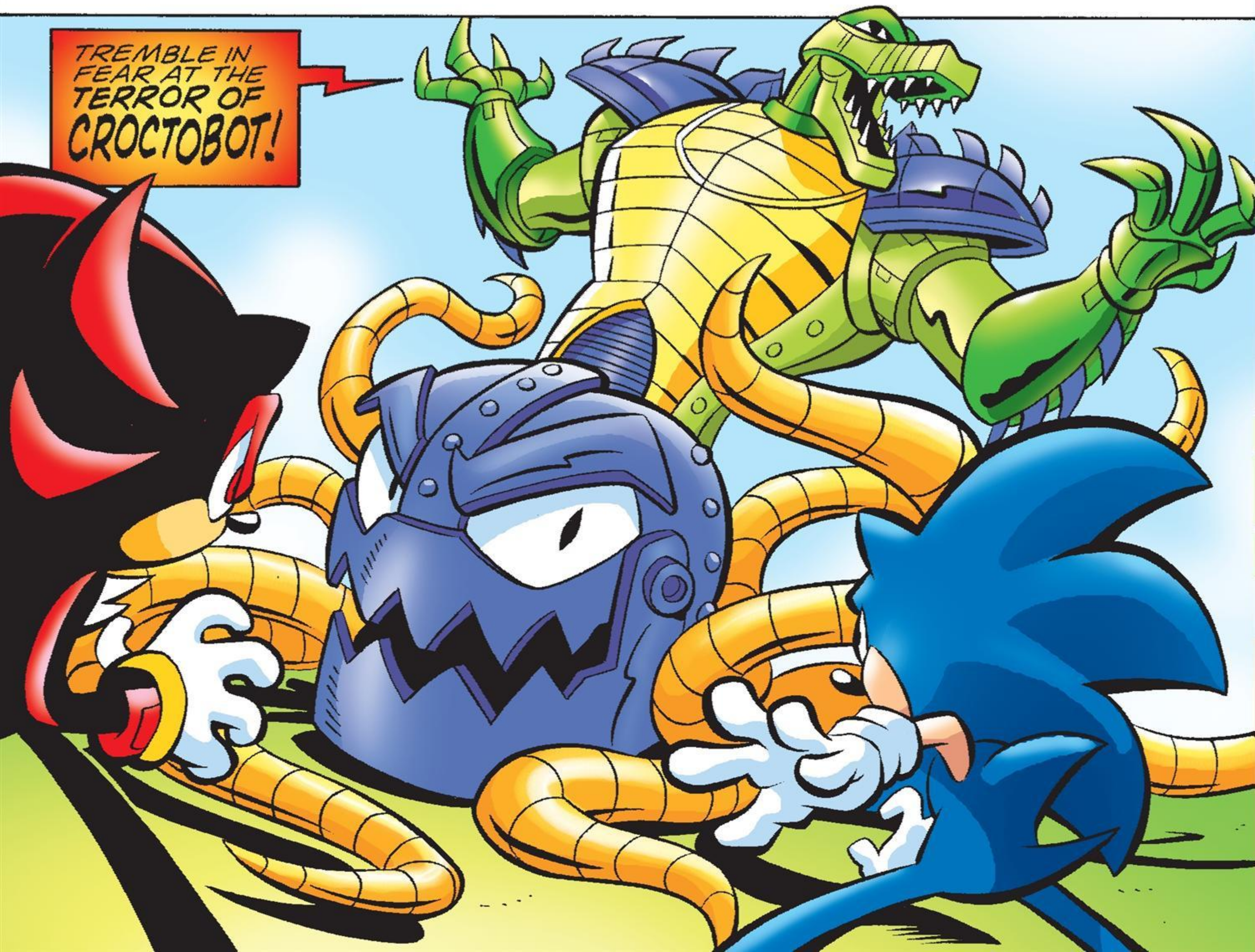
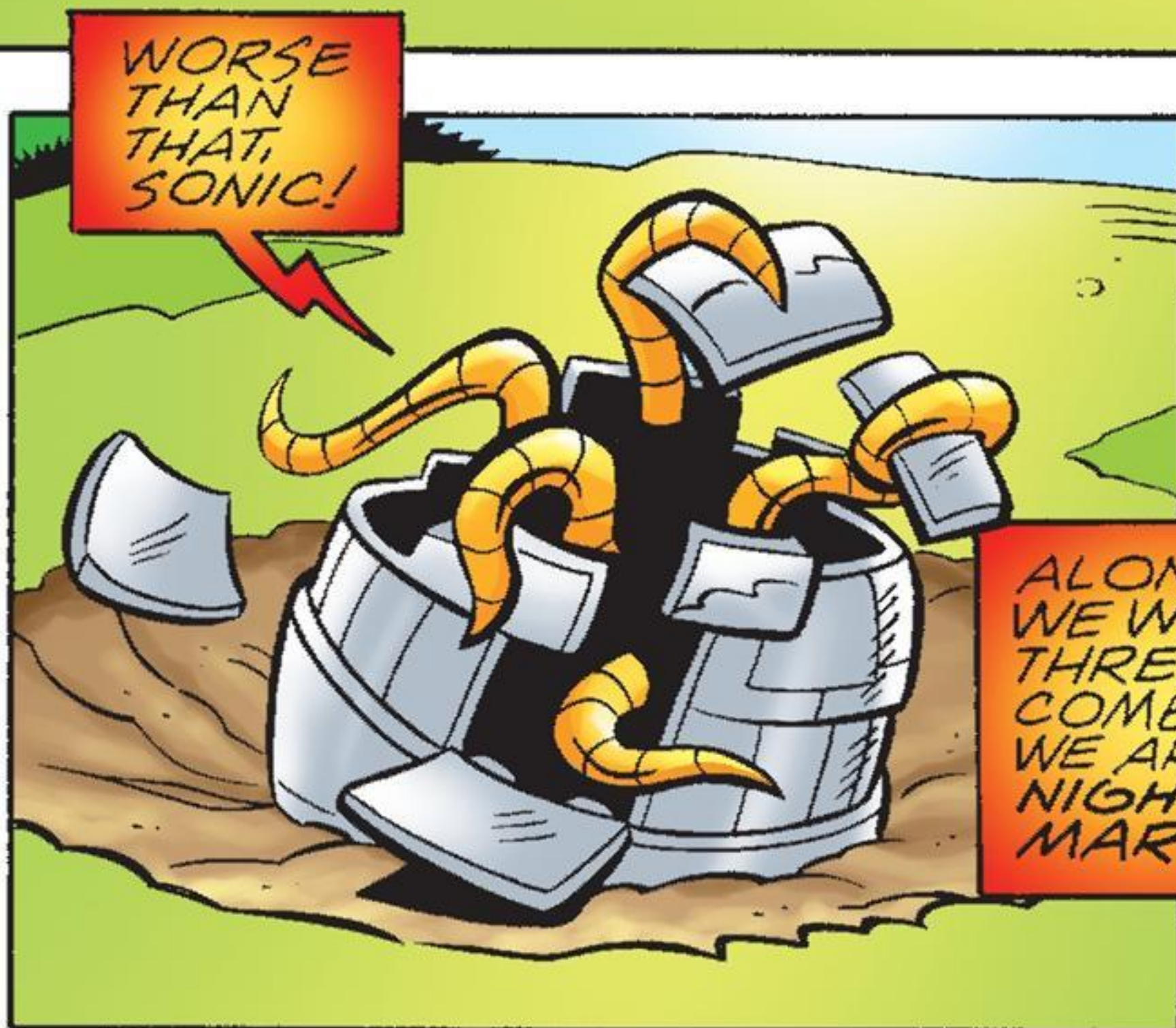
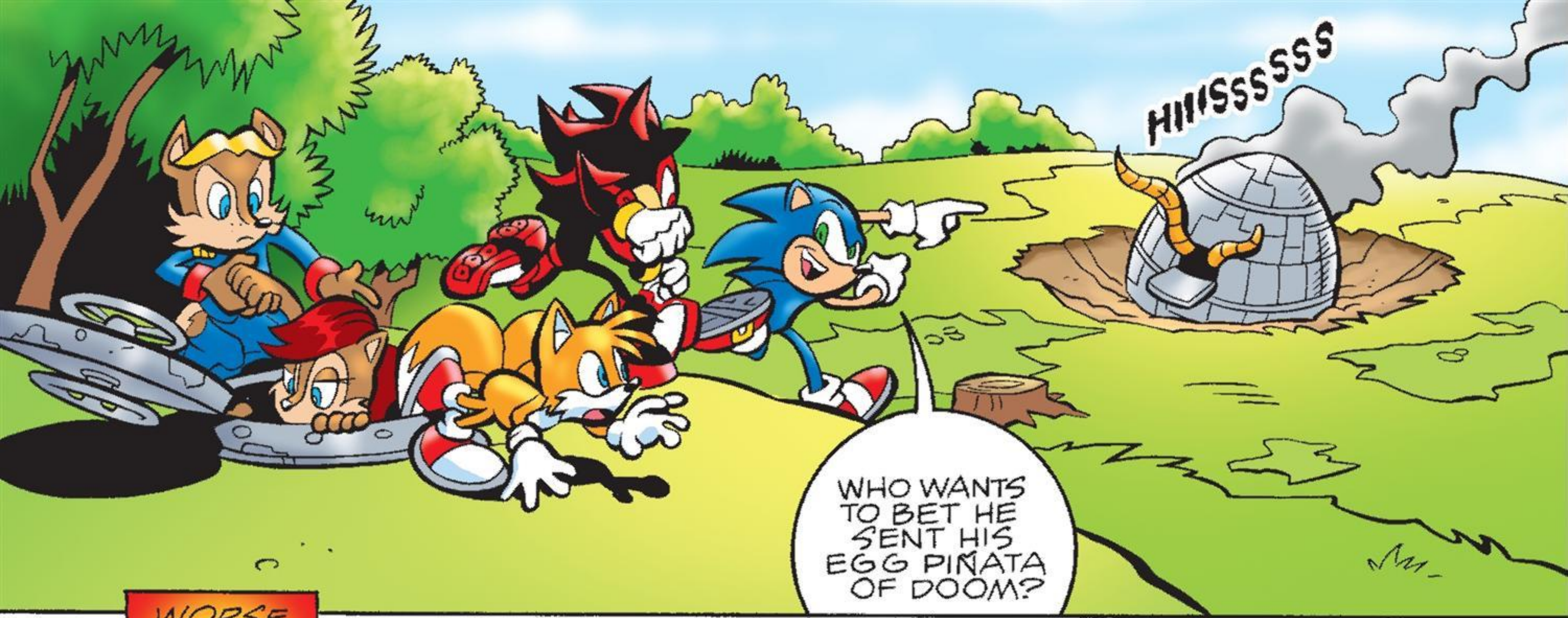
I'M LAUNCHING
IT NOW, SONIC.
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!
MWAHAHA
HA!

LAUNCH?
INCOMING
MISSILE?

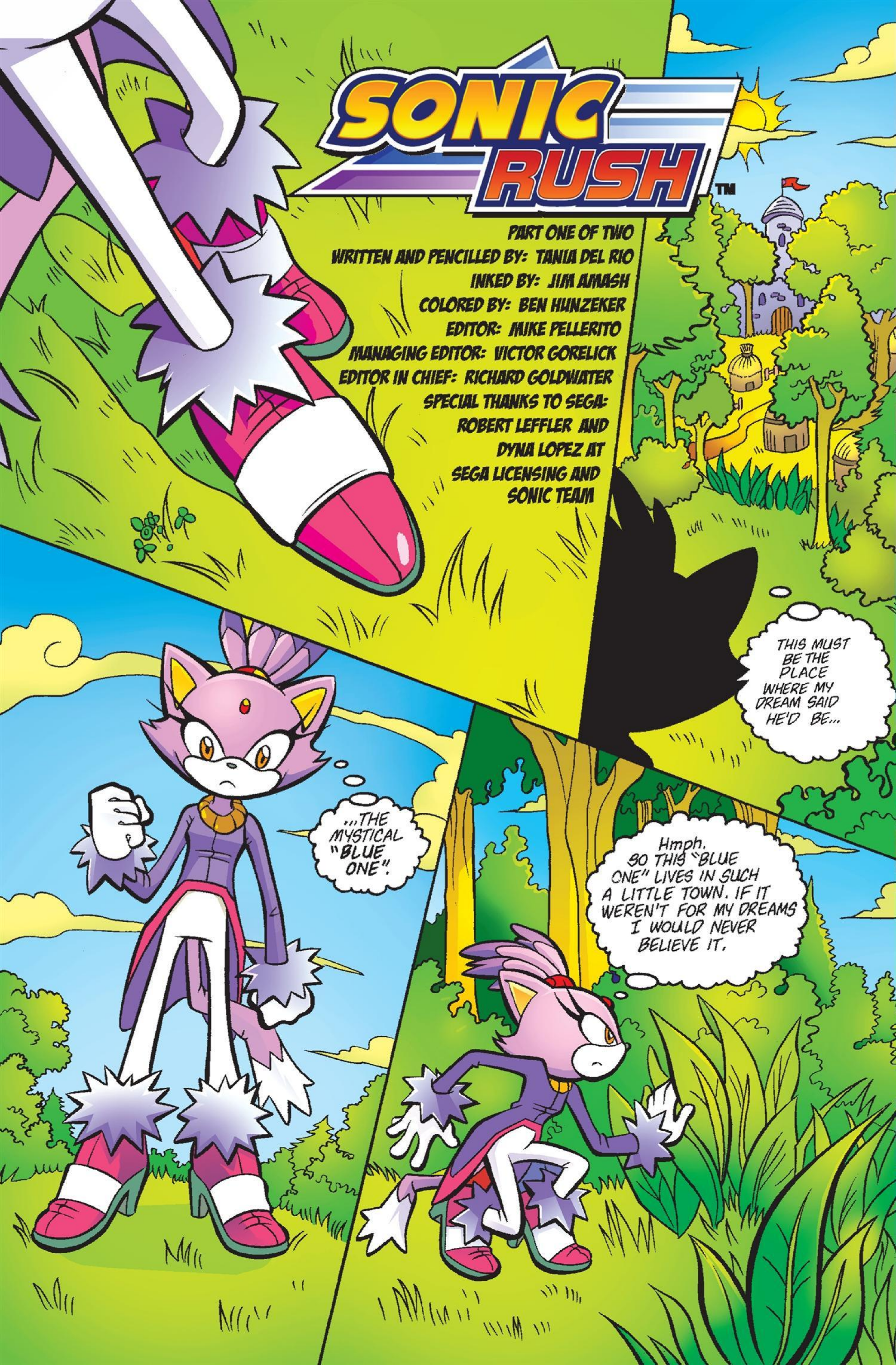
NO, SOME
KIND OF
ONE-WAY
TRANSPORT...

WHUD

THAT
WAS
FAST.





The comic book cover features a large, stylized illustration of a purple and white hedgehog-like creature with a large, white, star-shaped headpiece, appearing to be in motion. The background is a vibrant, colorful landscape with green hills, a blue sky, and a small town with a church and houses. The title 'SONIC RUSH' is prominently displayed in a large, stylized font at the top. Below the title, the credits for the comic are listed. The main illustration is divided into two panels. In the top panel, the purple creature is shown from a side profile, looking towards the right. In the bottom panel, the same creature is shown from a front-facing perspective, looking down with a determined expression. The creature has a purple body with white star-shaped patterns on its chest and arms, and a large, white, star-shaped headpiece. It is wearing a purple and white outfit with a red sash. The background of the bottom panel shows a lush green landscape with a river and a small town in the distance.

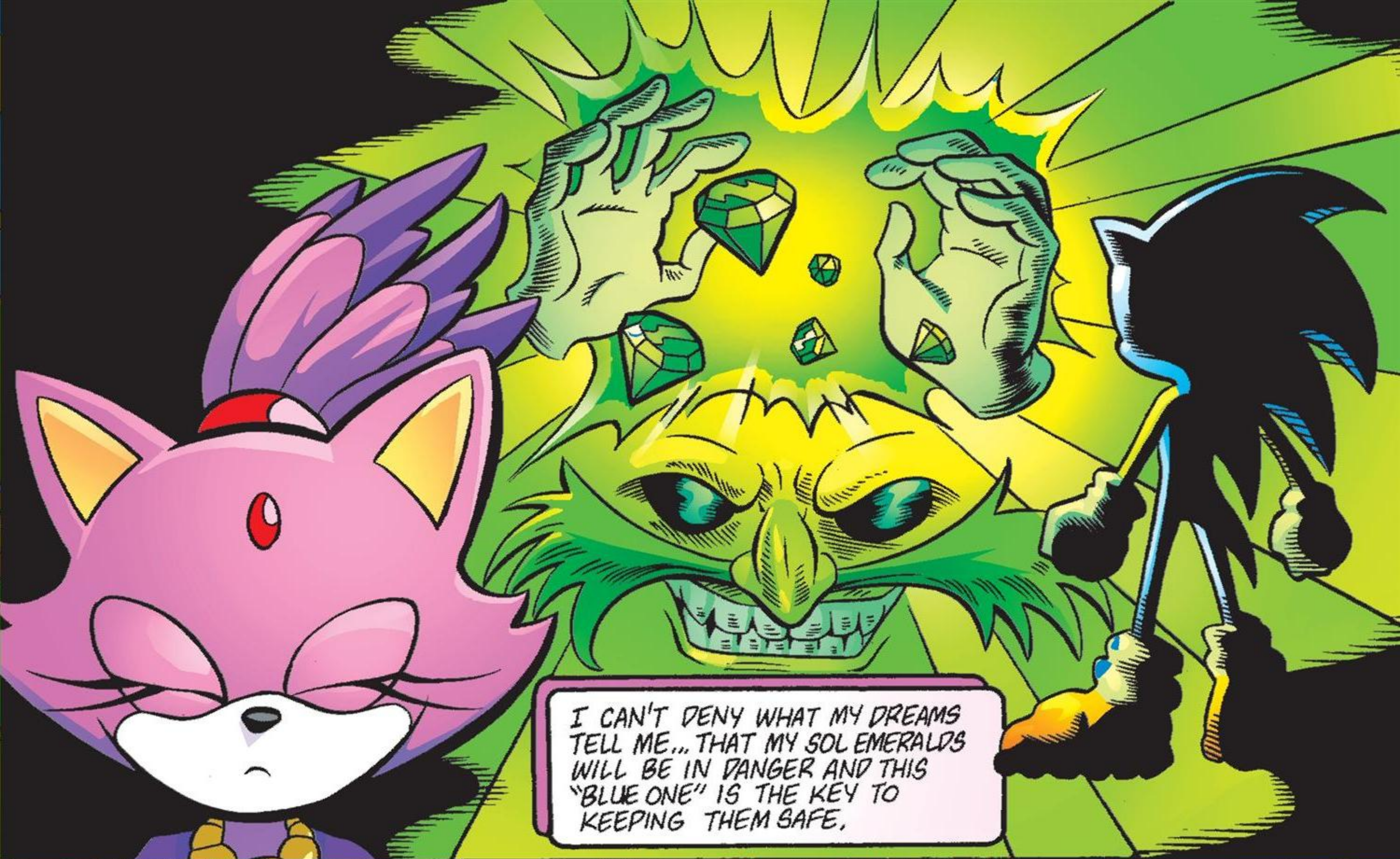
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ROBERT LEFFLER AND
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SEGA LICENSING AND
SONIC TEAM

THIS MUST
BE THE
PLACE
WHERE MY
DREAM SAID
HE'D BE...

...THE
MYSTICAL
"BLUE
ONE".

Hmph.
SO THIS "BLUE
ONE" LIVES IN SUCH
A LITTLE TOWN. IF IT
WEREN'T FOR MY DREAMS
I WOULD NEVER
BELIEVE IT.

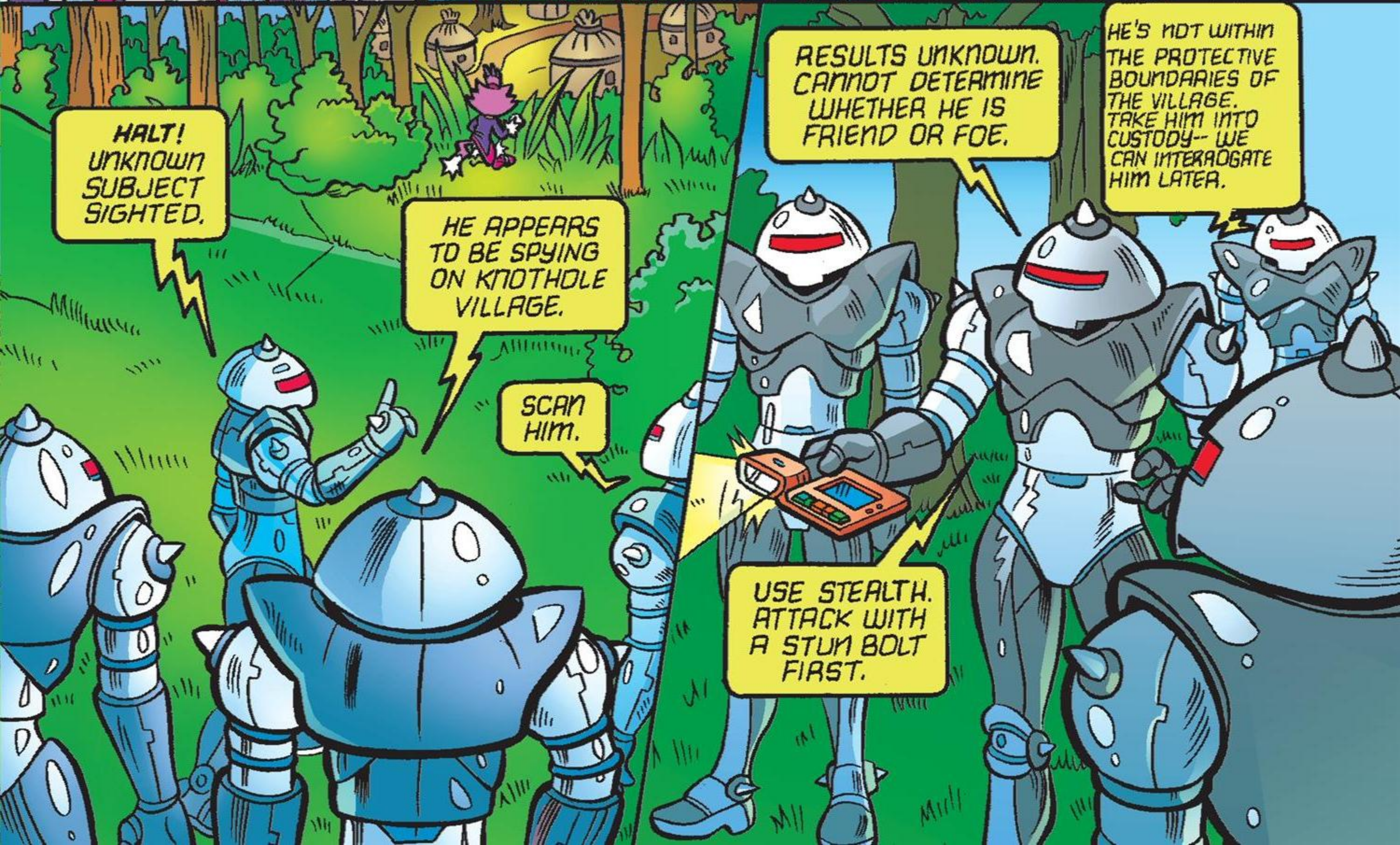


I CAN'T DENY WHAT MY DREAMS TELL ME... THAT MY SOL EMERALDS WILL BE IN DANGER AND THIS "BLUE ONE" IS THE KEY TO KEEPING THEM SAFE.



BUT WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO SEEK THIS "BLUE ONE" OUT WHEN THE SOL EMERALDS ARE MY SOLE RESPONSIBILITY? HOW IRRITATING!

IF THE SOL EMERALDS ARE THREATENED, I MUST PROTECT THEM.



HALT! UNKNOWN SUBJECT SIGHTED.

HE APPEARS TO BE SPYING ON KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.

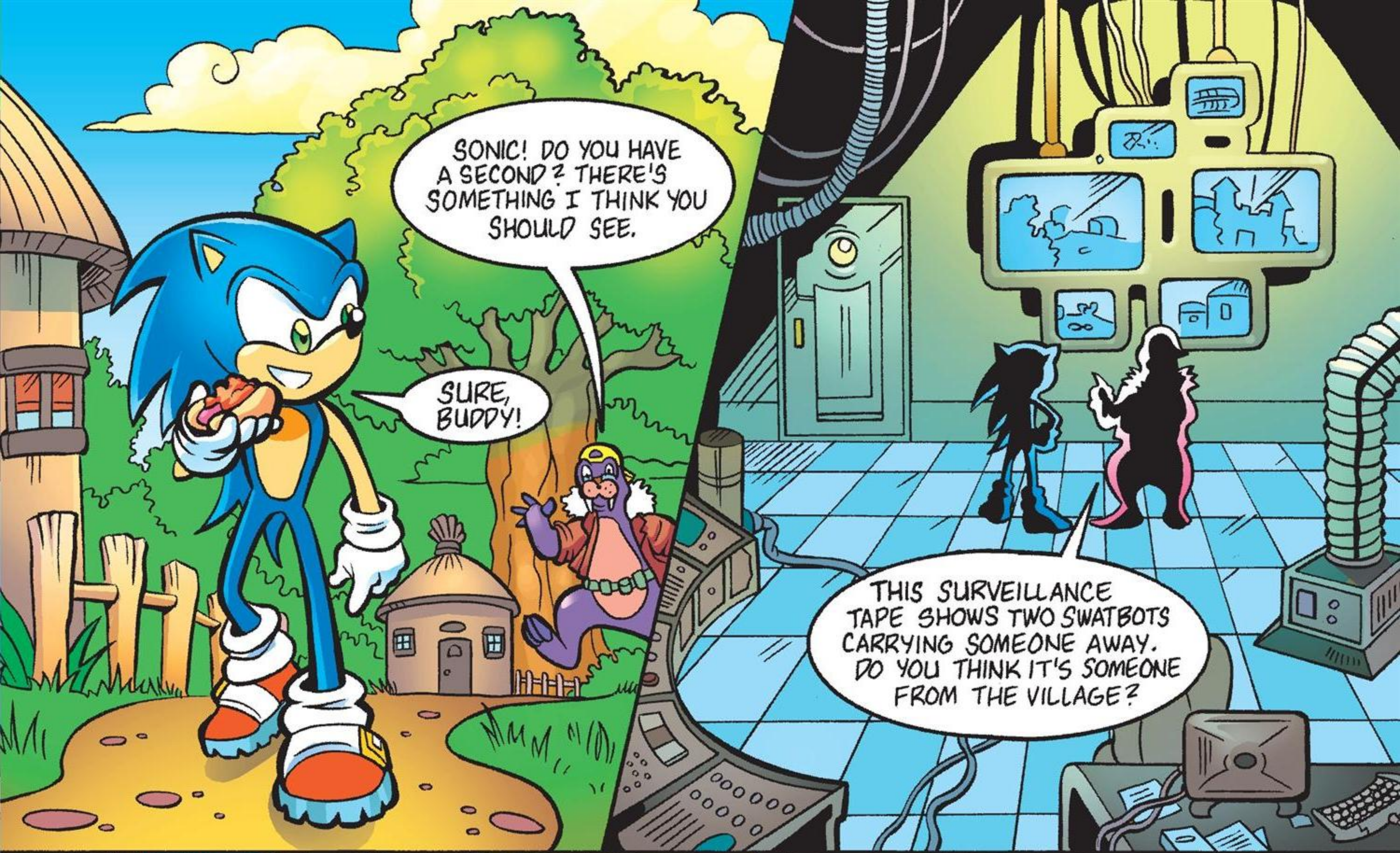
SCAN HIM.

RESULTS UNKNOWN. CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS FRIEND OR FOE.

HE'S NOT WITHIN THE PROTECTIVE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE. TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY-- WE CAN INTERROGATE HIM LATER.

USE STEALTH. ATTACK WITH A STUN BOLT FIRST.

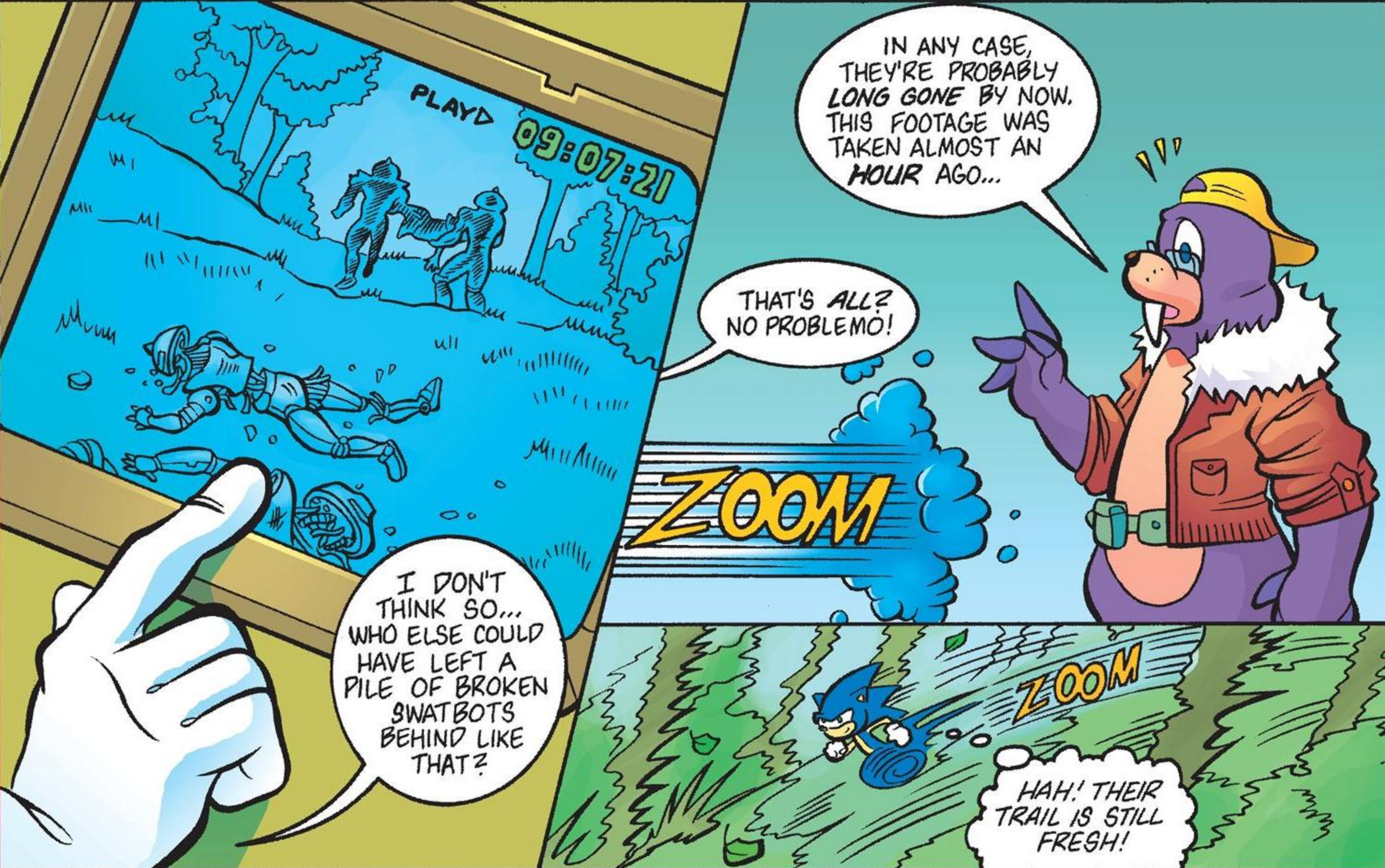




SONIC! DO YOU HAVE A SECOND? THERE'S SOMETHING I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE.

SURE, BUDDY!

THIS SURVEILLANCE TAPE SHOWS TWO SWATBOTS CARRYING SOMEONE AWAY. DO YOU THINK IT'S SOMEONE FROM THE VILLAGE?



IN ANY CASE, THEY'RE PROBABLY LONG GONE BY NOW. THIS FOOTAGE WAS TAKEN ALMOST AN HOUR AGO...

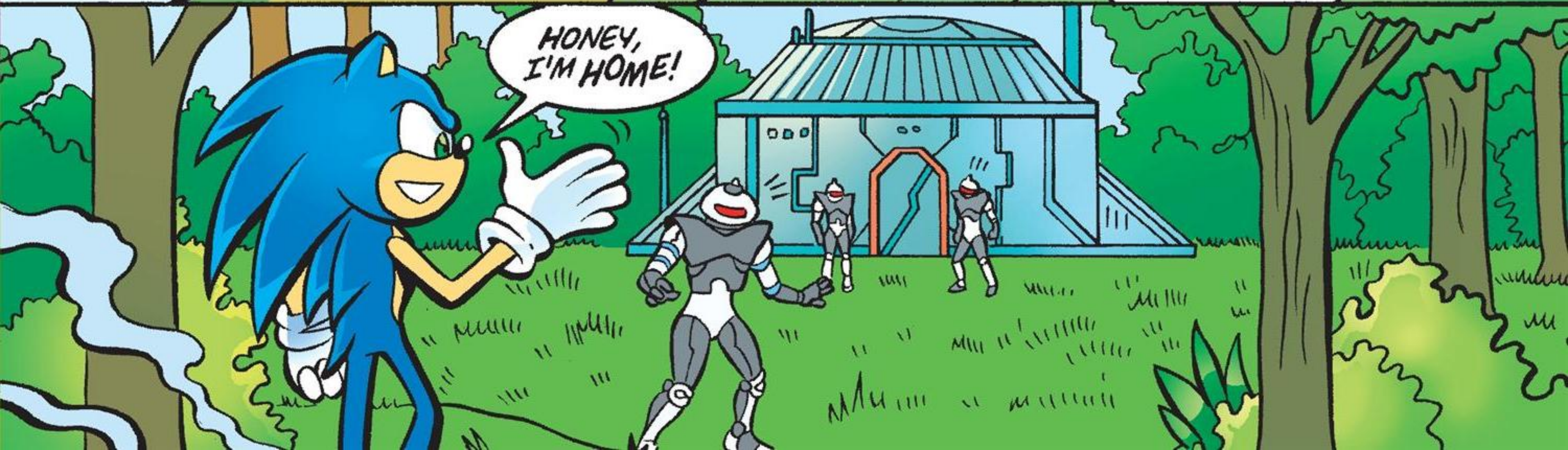
THAT'S ALL? NO PROBLEM!

I DON'T THINK SO... WHO ELSE COULD HAVE LEFT A PILE OF BROKEN SWATBOTS BEHIND LIKE THAT?

ZOOM

ZOOM

HAH! THEIR TRAIL IS STILL FRESH!



HONEY, I'M HOME!

INSIDE...

DR. ROBOTNIK CREATED US TO RESEARCH AND MONITOR BIO ORGANIC LIFE FORMS BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT MY SCANS ARE MALFUNCTIONING. HER PHYSICAL DATA READINGS ARE... BIZARRE. IT'S ALMOST AS IF SHE WERE FROM ANOTHER WORLD.

ODD...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S A MALFUNCTION -- HER MENTAL READINGS ARE STRANGE. HER THOUGHTS REVEAL SOME KIND OF FIXATION ON THESE STRANGE LOOKING EMERALDS.

ROBOTNIK WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN THIS INFORMATION. IF WE CAN GET HER TO SPEAK THROUGH INTERROGATION...

DO NOT BE TOO HARSH. HER READINGS ALSO SHOW AN IMPRESSIVE STRENGTH. WE MAY YET BE ABLE TO RECRUIT HER FOR ROBOTNIK.

NOW TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE THIS LITTLE BUNKER...

WHERE'S MY MANTLE?!
HOW DARE YOU REMOVE IT!



**THE STUNNING CONCLUSION IN SONIC #161 ON SALE 04/19/06!
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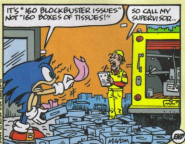
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OFF PANEL

A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT THE MAKING OF SONIC COMIC BOOKS

Words: Michael Collier Art: Dave Manak Colors: Marfield Parrot



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OFF PANEL

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Words: Michael Gallagher Art: Dave Marek Colors: Jackson Mallusk

WAIT UP, MIKESTER... I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING PLOT FOR... ~~ANY!~~ SLOW DOWN! WHERE ARE YOU-- ~~OH, WHO!~~ NOT IN THERE!...



ARROW! I HATE THIS! KIDS! HELP SONIC FIND HIS WAY OUT!



YO, MIKESTER! I'VE GOT A NEW "STH" STORY IDEA!

SORRY, SONIC. I'M WORKING ON ANOTHER BOOK RIGHT NOW!



WHAT?! IT'S AN OUTRAGE! YOU'RE MY EDITOR! MINE--MINE--MINE! I WON'T ALLOW IT! I'M CALLING MY LAWYER! I'LL WRITE MY CONGRESSMAN!

...Ahem...



OH! SONIC! WELL, THAT'S DIFFERENT!... DON'T JUST STAND THERE-- GET TO WORK, DUDE!

VANITY, THY NAME IS SONIC!

